

Vassar College

Po'keepsle Dec. 13th '65

My Dear Parents.

I feel quite tired to-night and, as usual on Wednesday night, I believe, not much like writing but I shall not have the opportunity much longer I suppose, of writing you so I will say a few words to night. I have no doubt that in the first place you are interested to hear when we will be home etc. But I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that I don't know much better than when that blissful time will arrive. I think you may expect to see me Thurs. morning but if you see Chick tell her to be at the depot Wednesday night if possible and if I don't come then I certainly will (Providence permitting) Thursday morn. I cannot say yet how it will be about travelling in the day time. We have been talking with Miss Sayles to-day and she prefers going through by daylight but has promised to make investigations about it and whatever she decides is best we of course will have to agree to-In any event however I do not think you need to feel any anxiety as I think we shall get along all right there are so many of us. I have not seen Mr Bartlett I believe since I last wrote you but I do not think there is any probability that he will accompany us. I do not know that I have much in the way of news to write to-night- We think and care about almost nothing but going home now. Prof. Van Ingen the drawing teacher said to some one I believe that we talked of nothing but going home while in the Studio. Almost all the trunks are down already that we want. Mine has not come yet but I spoke to Mr Wheeler about it and he is going to put a card on before he brings it. He said he could not paint it on so that it would look very nicely so I concluded to have the card until I get home at least. I am in such a hurry to get to packing for it will make the time seem so much nearer I think. Em's trunk came down to-day but she has had no time to commence yet. Mrs Tenney was in to call on me this after-noon. She is so kind and pleasant I wish Mother could know her. There was a meeting of the Lit. Society this evening for a short time to arrange some business & there are to be meetings of the Chapters Friday eve. I am in a very pleasant Chapter I think. I was a little startled when I received your last letters but it was all right I will explain when I get home. The Bill of Fare Father sent me made my mouth water as I read it but it was of some importance as it proved quite an exercise in Zoology to study out the different kinds of animals mentioned. I hope Kate Spencer has entirely recovered by this time I shall be much disappointed if she is not well when I am home. I believe Julie is not to be home for the Holidays. I am so sorry I hear her Father has sent her a very handsome set of furs. Did you see them before they were sent? The retiring bell has just rung so I suppose I must close this. I am afraid you will not find much that is satisfactory but I will be home soon and then I imagine I shall talk We are going to try and go down and call at Bartletts Friday If we can only get permission. I hope to hear from you again soon. Give my love to all enquiring friends & believe me ever

Your loving

Daughter, Ellen

I shall have just about twelve dollars to come home with will that be enough if I stay over night anywhere? Be sure and send anything you wish to so that I shall get it Tues. noon.